conforms to the revised guidelines, a Working Group has also been set up to work out modalities for regularisation.

Recently, a proposal has been received from the Government of NCT of Delhi to regularize unauthorised colonies in accordance with the 1976-77 policy wherein no land price and penalties were charged except development charges for occupation on Government land. No decision has been taken on this proposal.

Increase in number of unemployed

†232. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: WilI the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of assurance given by Government to provide employment to a large number of unemployed" persons, the number thereof has increased tremendously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any ambitious plan to provide employment oportunities in large number; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Planning Commission has reported that as per employment and unemployment rounds of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), the estimated number of workers on Current Daily Status basis has increased from 315.84 million in 1993-94 to 336.75 million in 1999-2000 and the number of unemployed has increased from 20.13 million in 1993-94 to 26.58 million in 1999-2000.

(c) and (d) Tenth Five Year Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities. To create employment potential, the Tenth Plan as identified that labour intensive sector and sub-sectors for development: agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information tecnology, financial sector, education and health.

Street vendors policy

233. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to provide security to over two crore vedors in the country, Government are thinking of formulating a street vendors policy; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) "National Policy on Urban Street Vendors" was formulated by Government of India on 2.1.2004. Salient features of the Policy are given in the Statement.

Statement

Salient Features of the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors

This Policy aims to ensure that Urban Street Vendors, an important segment of the urban population, find recognition for their contribution to society. The Policy is conceived as a major initiative for urban poverty alleviation by support to dignified livelihood. The basic objectives of the Policy are:

- To give vendors legal status by amending, enacting, repealing and implementing appropriate laws and providing legitimate hawking zones in urban development/zoning plans.
- To provide facilities for appropriate use of identified space including the creation of hawking zones in the urban development/zoning plans.
- To eschew imposing numerical limits on access to public spaces by discretionary licenses and instead moving to nominal fee based regulation of access, where market forces like price quality and demand will determine the number of vendors that can be sustained. Such a demand cannot be unlimited.
- to make Street vendors a special component of the urban development/zoning plans by treating them as an integral and legitimate part of the urban distribution system.
- To promote self-compliance amongst Street, vedors.
- To promote organizations of Street vendors e.g. Unions/ Co-operatives/Associations and other forms of organization to facilitate their empowerment.
- To set up participatory mechaisms with representation from urban vendors; orgaizations, (Unions/Co-operatives/ Associations), Voluntary orgaizations, local authorities, the

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police, Residents Welfare Association (RWA) and other for orderly conduct of urban vending activities.

- To take measures for promoting a better future for child vendors by making appropriate interventions for their rehabilitation and schooling.
- To facilitate/promote social security (pension, insurance etc.) and access to credit for Street vendors through promotion of SHGs/ Co-operatives/Federations/Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) etc.

2. The Policy recommends that the Centre and concerned States should amend the Police Act and Police Rules/Regulations as are applicable.

3. The State Governments should also remove the restrictive provisions in the Municipal Acts and make street vendors inclusive in the city plan/cityscape. Similar action if necessary, would have to be taken by the Development Authority for Development Areas.

4. All State Governments should ensure that institutional arrangements, legislative frameworks and other necessary actions achieve conformity with the national Policy for Street Vendors.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Accounts (2001-2002) of the National Capital Region Planning Board, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Accounts (2002-2003) of the Delhi Urban Art Commission, New Delhi and related papers.

III. Notifications of the Ministry of Urban Development.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 26 of the National Capital Region Planning Board Act, 1985.

(a) Annual Accounts of the National Capital Region Planning Board, New Delhi, for the year 2001-2002 and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts.